

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2899
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PUBLIC AUCTION OF PETROL PUMPS
SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Supreme Court had given directions in the past to allot petrol pumps and LPG agencies and other petroleum outlets through public auction only;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): whether agencies of petrol pumps and LPG are still allotted by the Selection Boards; and
- (d): if so, the reasons for not following the directives of the Supreme Court?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): The Hon`ble Supreme Court has not given any direction for allotment of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships through public auction only. However, while disposing of the writ petition (C) No.26/95 filed by Common Cause, a registered society challenging discretionary allotments, cancelled through its order dated 25.9.96, allotments of some retail outlets involved and directed that each of the commissioned outlets shall be disposed off by way of public auction. As per the existing policy, in order to make selection of dealers/distributors of petroleum products, the Government have constituted 59 new Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) all over the country.